

## FACING A CRISIS

Canadian Railroads Face a State Ownership Proposition

## THE CAUSE OF BORDEN'S TRIP

Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Northern May Be Taken Over

Ottawa, Ont., July 12.—Canada is facing a railway crisis. As a result, Sir Robert Borden has gone to London to confer with British financiers—London has nearly \$1,500,000,000 invested in Canadian railways.

A commission composed of the best financial and railway brains available in England and the United States is to be appointed to report upon the situation, and the nationalization of at least two transcontinental with their subsidiaries, such as express and telegraph lines and terminal elevators, is practically certain.

The undertaking under the existing conditions is an audacious one, but to hesitate over assuming the responsibility would probably produce conditions that would materially affect the dominion's credit and prosperity.

Fifteen years ago Canada, in the picturesque phraseology of an Ottawa senator, went on a drunk and built railways indiscriminately, with the result that the dominion has three great transcontinental systems for 8,000,000 people, and two of them are hard pressed.

The Grand Trunk Pacific, closely allied with the Grand Trunk system of eastern Canada, was a Sir Wilfrid Laurier project, begun in 1904 and just completed. The government built the road from Montreal, N. B., through Quebec to Winnipeg, and it was to be leased and operated by the Grand Trunk Pacific for 50 years. The Grand Trunk Pacific extended from Winnipeg to Prince Rupert on the Pacific coast, with a branch line to Fort William on Lake Superior, and numerous branches on the prairie.

So expensive was the government section from Montreal to Winnipeg that the railway company repudiated its bargain and left the road on the government's hands. Estimated to cost \$51,000,000, the expenditure thus far has been almost \$130,000,000, and more is required.

A recent investigation by a federal commission showed that nearly \$40,000,000 had been wasted. The government has begun to operate this road, but no hope of even paying the cost of operation is entertained. It has also leased the Grand Trunk Pacific line to Lake Superior in order to participate in the western grain traffic.

Nor is the Grand Trunk Pacific a much more prosperous enterprise. Built on federal credit and its branch lines on provincial guarantees of bonds, there seems little possibility of its being an immediate paying proposition. In all, there are bond guarantees of nearly \$200,000,000 from the federal and provincial governments, and the road earnings give little hope that it will be able to meet its interest liabilities. Much of the bonded indebtedness falls due the latter part of the present month, and it is considered doubtful in railway and financial circles whether the company will be able to cope with the situation.

Default in payment would be extremely dangerous for the dominion's credit, as Canada is, and will be for years to come, a borrowing nation, and the European investor would be driven from the country if such a failure came about. The provincial governments could not assume their bond liability, and the whole burden would fall upon the federal treasury.

The Canadian Northern railway is not in a much better position, although if that system can tide over the present depression, its low capitalization and excellent territory which it serves give promise for future success denied the other transcontinental with its burdensome fixed charges, its keen competitors and lack of feeders which preclude a great traffic.

More than a year ago the Canadian Northern was in financial straits, and in return for a bond guarantee the federal government took 40 per cent. of the stock.

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outright and inserted a forfeiture clause in the agreement whereby in the event that the promoters, Sir William Mackenzie and Sir Donald Mann, failed in their undertaking, all the stock should revert to the government.

Conditions have not been favorable for railway financing since then, and the system is finding the going extremely difficult, so much so that government interference is deemed almost inevitable. No other alternative presents itself.

So inextricably are the Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Northern transcontinental systems wrapped up with the government's federal and provincial credit that the future prosperity of the country may be said to be at stake.

## WARNS ENGLAND SHE STILL FACES DEFEAT

Home Secretary Tells the Nation That It Must Do More Than It Has Done.

London, July 12.—Sir John Simon, the home secretary, speaking at an open-air meeting at Leyton Saturday, declared emphatically that if England does not do more in the future than she has done in the past she is going to be defeated by Germany.

The assertion came after the home secretary had expressed the greatest confidence in the future, saying that victory now appears an absolute certainty because the nation has awakened. He added that this awakening was absolutely necessary, finishing with the assertion: "If we do not do more in the future than we have done in the past we are going to be beaten."

He told his audience that he knew there was great concern in Germany over the consumption of ammunition. A Russian general told him that in four hours the Germans had fired as many large calibre, high-explosive shells at Przemyśl as Russian experts had thought sufficient for a six months' siege.

## COMES OUT OF CAMP, JUST HEARS OF WAR

It Wasn't a Military Camp, but a Lonely One in Mountains of California.

Eureka, Cal., July 12.—There's a man in Humboldt county who did not hear about the European war until this summer. To C. E. Gill, a local real estate man, falls the distinction of finding this man, who is Angus Clafson, a homesteader of South Humboldt county.

On a recent trip into the mountains Gill encountered Clafson, who had just come out of his lonely camp, where he had received no newspapers for many months.

## BECKER LOSES AGAIN.

Justice Hughes Denies Application for Writ of Error.

New York, July 12.—Justice Charles E. Hughes has refused the application for a writ of error to the United States supreme court, made by the counsel of Charles Becker of New York, who has been condemned to die in the week of the 26th for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler. The application was denied upon the ground that there was no substantial federal question.

It is understood that the argument upon the application for the writ was made at the justice's summer camp at Rangely lakes, Me., Friday by W. B. Crookan of New York. Mr. Crookan left for home Saturday without having made any statement regarding his mission and nothing of the procedure was made known beyond the following authorized announcement:

"Application was made Saturday to Justice Hughes for a writ of error in the case of Charles Becker and was denied upon the ground that there was no substantial federal question."

Justice Hughes declined Saturday to make any comment on the case.

Gov. Whitman at Albany made no comment regarding Justice Hughes' denial of the application for a writ of error. "I can only say that I shall be ready at all times to hear any appeal that counsel or friends of Becker may desire to make to me," he said.

## MORGAN "FINE AND DANDY."

All Apprehension as to His Recovery Has Now Vanished.

New York, July 12.—J. P. Morgan who was shot twice a week ago Saturday in an attempt on his life by Erich Muenster, alias Frank Holt, was "feeling fine and dandy" Saturday, was the report at his New York office. All apprehension as to Mr. Morgan's recovery has vanished, it was said. Mr. Morgan is in constant telephone touch with his office.

## POOR WORK IN FIELDING

Partly Responsible for the B. A. C.'s 7 to 3 Defeat

## BY HOERNLE'S TEAM OF ST. JOHNSBURY

But Large Crowd Saw Some Good Features at the Trotting Park

Before a crowd numbering 500, the Barre Athletic club again took a defeat Saturday afternoon at the Granite City trotting park, and this time by a score of 7 to 3 against the strong St. Johnsbury nine. Hitting was done aptly by both teams and although the number of safe ones knocked out was evenly divided, each getting eight, the St. Johnsbury men were able to bunch their hits that they won the game. Not only hits figured in the winners' victory, but costly errors by the Barre men helped along the opponents' score. It was an ideal day for baseball and the St. Johnsbury nine certainly showed some good playing.

Tom Davidson was sent to the mound for St. Johnsbury by Hoernle to settle accounts against his Barre mates. Twelve victims were his own by striking out; but he was touched up rather hard at other times and some hits were well placed against him. He allowed but two passes and seemed to have good control. Gilbert, the pitcher for the Barre team, was rather wild Saturday. Only seven strikeouts were credited to him and these came toward the latter part of the game. It was in the first part that he was hit hard. In the first inning three safe ones were responsible for the runs, but not wholly, as two errors were also made.

In the sixth inning it was on another series of three hits and one error that three runs were made by St. Johnsbury. Brown knocked in the two first runs for his team when Gilbert had got on an error and Stuart after walking. Gordon scored the last by getting on a fielder's choice, went to second when Davidson threw wild, stole third and scored on a wild pitch.

The lineup and summary:

St. Johnsbury.										
Moore, cf	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hoernle, c	4	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
J. Davidson, 2b	4	1	2	2	4	0	0	0	0	0
Witt, 3b	3	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sullivan, 1b	5	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shea, ss	4	0	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	0
Connor, lf	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Keefe, rf	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
T. Davidson, p	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	37	7	8	27	11	2	0	0	0	0

## Barre A. C.

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Poduzzi, lf	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stuart, 1b	3	1	11	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Johnston, 3b	4	0	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
Brown, cf	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A. Fowle, c	4	0	0	7	1	1	0	0	0	0
Jones, ss	3	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
Gordon, rf	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smith, 2b	4	0	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	0
Gilbert, p	3	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	3	8	27	14	7	0	0	0	0

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Barre A. C.	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0

## Two-base hits—Brown 2, Stuart, T. Davidson, Sullivan.

Struck out—By Davidson 12, by Gilbert 7. Bases on balls—Off Gilbert 3, off Davidson 2. Left on bases—Barre A. C. 7, St. Johnsbury 7. Stolen bases—Gordon, Stuart, J. Davidson. Sacrifice hits—Hoernle, Fowle. Hit by pitched ball—Jones. Double plays—J. Davidson to Shea to Sullivan; Shea to J. Davidson to Sullivan; Stuart to Jones; Poduzzi to Smith to Stuart to Jones. Umpire—Keefe. Time—One hour and 50 minutes.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

### Saturday's Games.

St. Louis 7, Boston 1 (first game). Boston 3, St. Louis 1 (second game). Brooklyn 8, Chicago 3 (first game). Brooklyn 6, Chicago 0 (second game). Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 3. New York 7, Cincinnati 3.

### STANDING OF THE CLUBS

Won. Lost. Pct.	
Chicago	40 32 .556
Philadelphia	38 31 .551
Brooklyn	37 35 .514
St. Louis	39 37 .513
Pittsburgh	35 36 .493
New York	32 35 .478
Cincinnati	30 37 .448
Boston	32 40 .444

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

#### Saturday's Games.

Washington 1, Chicago 1 (five innings; rain). Boston 6, Detroit 3. New York 4, Cleveland 0. St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 3.

#### Yesterday's Games.

Detroit 5, Boston 4. New York 5, Cleveland 2. St. Louis 6, Philadelphia 4. Washington 8, Chicago 5 (first game). Chicago 12, Washington 3 (second game).

### STANDING OF THE CLUBS

Won. Lost. Pct.	
Chicago	49 27 .645
Detroit	44 28 .611
New York	38 27 .587
Washington	33 28 .541
St. Louis	28 44 .389
Philadelphia	28 46 .379
Cleveland	26 45 .366

## WILSON SHAKEN UP IN AUTO COLLISION

President's Car Bumped From Behind When Stopped To Avoid Accident.

Cornish, N. H., July 12.—President Wilson was in an automobile accident near Newport Saturday night with members of his family, but no one was injured. When his machine stopped to avoid frightening a horse, a small automobile bumped into the White House car from behind, breaking the front lights of the smaller car.

The president and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, Miss Helen Woodrow Bones and Mrs. Norman Galt of Washington were shaken up by the collision. An automobile carrying secret service men which was a short distance behind came quickly to the scene. The secret service men jumped out to see what was wrong, and soon learned that the president's party had suffered no hurt and that the five men in the other car were uninjured.

General opinion was that the president's chauffeur was in no way to blame. His automobile was going at comparatively slow speed, but as the bump occurred on a down grade, the car following had some difficulty in coming to a quick stop.

The president's ride took him for more than 75 miles by Lake Sunapee. During the trip the automobile chased two small deer for 300 or 400 yards while their mother watched proceedings from a field nearby. The deer, both wild, were in the road when the presidential car approached. They became frightened and ran along in front of the car. The president and members of his party were greatly amused and leaned far out to watch the chase. When the automobile got too close the deer left the road and disappeared in a forest.

## OUR WAR PERIOD TRADE.

Imports Decrease \$220,000,000, Exports Increase \$293,000,000.

Washington, D. C., July 12.—An increase of nearly \$293,000,000 in the export trade and a decrease of \$220,000,000 in imports is shown by the analysis of the United States foreign trade for the 11 months covering the European war, issued Saturday by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. The trade balance in favor of the United States is estimated at \$1,060,893,505.

The analysis shows an enormous increase in exports of crude foodstuffs and food animals, the total exportations amounting to \$481,110,384, as against \$126,408,965 for the same period last year. Crude materials for use in manufacturing fell off nearly \$300,000,000 in exports, owing to the closing of European factories which use American raw material.

Exports to France more than doubled, to Italy they nearly tripled, and to Great Britain they increased by nearly \$300,000,000. The export trade to Germany fell from \$328,115,430, to \$28,861,587, and to Austria from \$21,280,037 to \$1,240,167. During May, only \$400 worth of merchandise went to Germany.

## AXE KILLS WOODCHOPPER.

Quarrel Among Lumbermen Results Fatally.

Colebrook, N. H., July 12.—In a quarrel among lumbermen at a camp near the Third Connecticut lake, Mejara Rosario, a woodchopper, was killed by a blow from an axe, which fractured his skull, according to information which reached here yesterday. District Attorney B. H. Hinman and Sheriff Allen left for the camp yesterday to bring out the man suspected of the assault.

Canadian officials who notified local officers of the killing said the body was taken across the border into Canada and buried secretly, without notice to the authorities. Later it was exhumed, and an autopsy was held.

## CINCINNATI'S DEAD, 36.

Belief that Five Missing are Also Flood Victims.

Cincinnati, July 12.—The finding of the body of an unidentified white man believed to be a member of the crew of the towboat Convoy, Saturday, confirmed in the minds of the police authorities the belief that all of the six missing men of that boat had been drowned in the storm Wednesday night. Two other bodies were also recovered from the river last night, bringing the known dead up to 36. If the other five missing members of the Cincinnati's crew have been lost the death list will reach 41.

## Barre Golf Club Weekly Tournament.

There were 25 score cards turned in for last week's tournament at the Barre Golf club. G. H. Fraser and D. H. Perry were tied for first place, with a net score of 71 each. G. M. Morrison took third place with a net score of 74. In the B class, J. C. Robertson takes first with a net score of 76, and H. G. Woodruff takes second with 79 net, G. Murray and D. J. McMillan were tied for third with 82 net each.

The round robin tournament is now in its fifth week, and the committee would like to see all players entered have their five games played by the end of the week, as it is desired to post the results. The Barre club goes to Montpelier on Saturday to play the Country club in the third game of their series. Below are the results of the weekly tournaments:

### Class A.

Gross. Handic. Net.	
G. H. Fraser	71 40 71
D. H. Perry	79 9 71
G. M. Morrison	80 6 74
J. Freeland	83 7 76
J. Daniels	82 5 77
John Reid	83 6 77
H. Brown	85 8 77
J. Black	84 5 79
A. Miller	84 9 79
A. W. Freeland	84 4 80
L. R. Hutchinson	86 5 81
P. Brown	90 9 82

### Class B.

Gross. Handic. Net.	
J. C. Robertson	84 18 76
H. G. Woodruff	85 16 79
G. Murray	92 11 82
D. J. McMillan	92 14 82
W. D. Lewis	94 15 83
W. C. Johnson	101 16 85
J. Connolly	102 16 86
A. Marcell	109 20 89
J. R. Mackay	101 11 90
W. Matheson	111 20 91
A. Miller	115 19 93
J. P. Stewart	No card.

## MEXICO CITY HAS FALLEN

Report Reaches Vera Cruz It Is in Hands of Gonzales

## 1,000 KILLED IN THE ENGAGEMENT

Announcement to American Consular Offices by the Carranza Officials

Washington, D. C., July 12.—Gen. Pablo Gonzales has occupied Mexico City, according to information given by Carranza officials to American consular offices at Vera Cruz Saturday night. No details were given in the messages, which reached Washington, but the advice was regarded as probably correct, as the Carranza forces had been reported earlier in the day as in the outside districts of the city itself. Whether any fighting took place in the streets or the Zapata forces had evacuated was not stated.

## CARRANZA GENERAL KILLED

Villa Agency Reports Death of Gen. Martin Triana in Battle.

Washington, D. C., July 12.—Gen. Martin Triana, who led the Carranza forces in the recent attack on Aguascalientes, was killed in the battle, according to a message received Saturday by the Villa agency. The dispatch to the Villa agency says:

"Carrying out his strategic plan, Gen. Villa allowed the enemy to approach to within six miles of the city. This led them to believe they could capture it with ease. The Carranzistas advanced and attacked us vigorously during the following hours of the morning, the fighting lasting until 4 o'clock p. m. The result was very successful for us, the enemy being repulsed and his positions taken. The enemy attacked with forces of all three armies, while we repulsed them, using only our cavalry. Our infantry remained in the trenches, and there was no need of the reserves. The enemy was driven to San Bartolo and points beyond, leaving behind many dead and wounded."

## 1,000 REPORTED KILLED.

Fighting in Streets of Mexican Capital Does Great Damage.

Salveston, Tex., July 12.—Gen. Pablo Gonzales, leading Carranza's main army, virtually captured Mexico City yesterday, according to dispatches received here last night from Vera Cruz. It is stated that the army under Zapata, the poorly equipped and worn out, is retreating toward a point 60 miles from the city, where the archives have been removed.

## JUDGE MYERS DECLINES.

Will Not Serve as the Indiana Election Fraud Trials.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 12.—Judge Quincy A. Myers, formerly on the supreme court bench, who was agreed upon as being acceptable to the defense and the state in the trials of more than 100 defendants, including Thomas Taggart and Mayor Joseph E. Bell, indicted for election frauds in Marion county, announced Saturday that he had declined to serve as special judge in the trial. If Prosecutor Rucker and the attorneys for the defendants do not agree upon a trial judge to-day, Judge James A. Collins of the criminal court, under the terms of the new law, will name five men from whom a choice will be made.

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## HOLD UP L. & N. EXPRESS.

Three Suspects Arrested—Conductor a Victim of Apoplexy.

Greenville, Ala., July 12.—Three unnamed suspects were arrested by Montgomery police Saturday in connection with the hold-up at Greenville early on Saturday of the Louisville & Nashville fast train, No. 37, bound from New York for New Orleans. A party of four bandits, after forcing the engine crew to abandon their engine, cut loose the mail, baggage and express cars, ran them a short distance down the track, turned a full head of steam on the engine and started it southward with no one in the cab, and then looted the cars. The value of the loot obtained has not been ascertained. The passengers were not molested.

## Conductor Phil McRea of Montgomery

was found dead after the robbery, sitting on the steps of the observation car of his train. No wound could be found on his body. It was said the bandits fired one shot but that it went wild. He is believed to have been stricken with apoplexy.

The chief mail clerk said Saturday a package of currency consigned to Houston, Texas, was secured by the robbers. The amount was not disclosed. Officials in charge of the investigation declare the robbery was carefully planned and that the robbers escaped in a waiting automobile. The chief mail clerk was left bound in the woods.



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